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*Cornerstone Ceremony*

Dr. A. V. Astin, Director  
National Bureau of Standards  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Astin:

I wish to express my thanks to you for the valued assistance of the members of your staff who constructed and sealed the copper box which has been placed in the cornerstone of our new headquarters building at Langley. This work was done under the supervision of Mr. George A. Ellinger, Chief, Corrosion Section, Metallurgy Division, and Mr. Melvin Romanoff of his staff.

After experiments with a dummy box had proved that the process to be used would not injure the contents, a welded copper box was constructed to our exact specifications. A small steel box to contain the tape recording of our Cornerstone Ceremony was also made.

On 20 October members of my staff, together with Mr. Ellinger and Mr. Romanoff, placed the documents and materials which we had selected in the cornerstone box and the top was carefully welded on. Your staff thoughtfully provided a photographer who took pictures of the proceedings and we are grateful for the copies which they supplied to us for our archives.

Will you please express my thanks to Mr. Ellinger and Mr. Romanoff and to all the others who went to so much trouble for us. We appreciate the cooperation which they gave us as we were most eager to have a proper box, correctly sealed by experts, to preserve the materials which we have now placed in our cornerstone.

Sincerely,

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L. K. White  
Deputy Director  
(Support)

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